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SUBJECT: CCD - 722ND PLENARY MEETING, AUGUST 19, 1976

1. SUMMARY: POLISH, BULGARIAN AND ROMANIAN REPS ADDRESSED
AUGUST 19 CCD PLENARY. POLISH REP COMMENTED ON ENMOD, CW

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AND MDW. BULGARIAN REP GAVE SHORT TOUR D'HORIZON,

EMPHASIZING MDW. ROMANIAN REP SUPPORTED NIGERIAN PROPOSAL FOR CCD TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM AT BEGINNING OF ITS SPRING 1977 SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. POLISH REP (WYZNER) EXPRESSED "GRATIFICATION AT THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND ACCOMMODATION ON THE PART OF THE CO-SPONSORS OF THE DRAFT ENMOD CONVENTION," DECLARING THAT ALTHOUGH POLAND WOULD PREFER A COMPREHENSIVE BAN THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT WHICH WOULD POSE MAJOR DIFFICULTY FOR HIM. WYZNER WELCOMED THE FACT THAT THE GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION FOR CW AGENTS TO BE BANNED "NOW APPEARS TO GAIN INCREASING, INDEED UNIVERSAL, RECOGNITION." HE SAID THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ADVOCATE A TOTAL PROHIBITION OF CW AGENTS, BUT ARE WILLING TO EXAMINE PARTIAL MEASURES WITH AN OPEN MIND, BELIEVING THAT THEY HAVE SUBSTANTIAL CONFIDENCE-BUILDING POTENTIAL IN ADDITION TO THEIR INTRINSIC ARMS LIMITATION VALUE. THE RECENTLY-INTRODUCED UK PROPOSAL, HE SAID, DESERVES CAREFUL ATTENTION, BUT DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS REQUIRE POLITICAL REALISM AND THE POLISH DEL "WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY TO SUBSCRIBE TO A VIEW THAT THE VERIFICATION SYSTEM IN A CW CONVENTION COULD BE PATTERNED AFTER THE ONE AGREED UPON IN THE NPT."

3. ON MDW, WYZNER PRAISED THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS, SAYING THAT FURTHER PERSISTENT EFFORTS WOULD BE NEEDED TO ELABORATE AGREED DEFINITIONS AND PROCEED TO SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, "WITHOUT, NATURALLY, DETRACTING IN ANY WAY FROM THE BINDING FORCE OF OTHER, ALREADY EXISTING CONVENTIONS OR AGREEMENTS." WYZNER CONCLUDED BY EXPRESSING SATISFACTION OVER THE HIGH LEVEL OF CCD ACTIVITY DURING THE SUMMER SESSION, SAYING THAT IT CONFIRMS HIS VIEW THAT THE KEY TO PROGRESS "IS NOT SO MUCH IN PROCEDURAL MODIFICATIONS BUT RATHER IN THE POLITICAL WILL" OF CCD'S MEMBERS.

4. BULGARIAN REP (GRINBERG) EXPRESSED HOPE FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE ENMOD CONVENTION THIS YEAR AND PRAISED THE "PREVENTIVE NATURE" OF THE SOVIET MDW INITIATIVE. THE 1948 UN DEFINITION OF MDW, HE SAID, IS REALLY JUST AN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT DOES ENVISAGE THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING NEW MDW; THUS THE SOVIET APPROACH IS NOT AT VARIANCE WITH IT. THE DANGER OF OVERLAPPING OTHER AGREEMENTS, GRINBERG STATED, CAN EASILY BE RESOLVED AT THE DEFINITIONAL STAGE; THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR WORRY ABOUT UNDERMINING OR DETRACTING FROM THE BWC.

5. BULGARIAN REP DECLARED FULL SUPPORT FOR USSR POSITION ON CTB NEGOTIATIONS BY ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, CITING

UNGA RESOLUTION 3478 (XXX). HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT CW EFFORTS THIS YEAR HAVE INTENSIFIED, MENTIONING THE CW INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS AND SAYING THAT THE UK PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED WITH ALL DUE ATTENTION. GRINBERG SAID BULGARIA IS PLEASED THAT POSITIONS SEEM TO BE CLOSE ON THE QUESTIONS OF CW DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF PROHIBITION, BUT THAT HE SHARES APPREHENSION PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED "OVER THE TENDENCY OF SOME DELEGATIONS TO ACCORD UNDUE WEIGHT TO THE TECHNICAL SIDE OF THE QUESTION," ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO VERIFICATION.

6. ROMANIAN REP (ENE) ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR BOTH PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE NIGERIAN WORKING PAPER OF AUGUST 3, CALLING FOR CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF A STATEMENT EVALUATING THE CDD'S ROLE IN THE DISARMAMENT DECADE, AS WELL AS FOR A CCD DECISION TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM AT THE BEGINNING OF ITS SPING 1977 SESSION.

7. NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 24.
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